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Allegations against the Taluk Supply Officer, Guntur.

* 182 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased state— 11 a.m.

(a) whether a representation, dated 18th August 1952, from D. Venkanna of Guntur, was received by the Government complaining about the misconduct of the Taluk Supply Officer at Guntur in connection with the distribution of quotas to fair price shop-keepers and his collection of contributions from them for private purposes; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) Yes. A petition was received on 7th September 1952. An anonymous petition containing similar allegations against the same Taluk Supply Officer was received by the Collector on 22nd August 1952.

" (b) An enquiry was made by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur, regarding the allegation made against the Taluk Supply Officer. It was found that the quotas were increased to only one fair price shop because the adjoining one was not functioning for several weeks and as such the requirements of both the shops had to be given to one. It was also found that there was no basis for the other allegation in the petition that the Taluk Supply Officer is taking bribes to build a house."

SRI A. VENKATARAMA RAJU:—" గత మూడు మాసములలో టి. ఎస్. ఓ. లు చేస్తున్న పనుల గురించి ఏదైనా రిపోర్టు వచ్చినదా? వచ్చినట్లయితే దానిమీద ప్రభుత్వంవారు తీసుకొన్న చర్య ఏమిటి? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Notice, Sir."

Promotion of Harijans as Tahsildars.

* 183 Q.—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH (on behalf of Sri M. Rajeswara Rao): Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any Harijans qualified for promotion as Tahsildars in the West Godavari district who could not be promoted due to want of vacancies; and

(b) whether there is any rule to the effect that where there are no vacancies of Tahsildars in any district, persons qualified for those posts in that district may be posted to other districts where there are vacancies?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:— " (a) There is no case of any Harijan who could not be promoted as Tahsildar due to want of vacancies in the West Godavari district.

" (b) There is no such rule."

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SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know whether there is any preference shown to employees belonging to the Scheduled and Backward Classes in respect of promotions, and if it is not shown, may I inquire whether it is not possible to show such concessions in view of their backwardness? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The usual preference is already there in the existing rule."

SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU :—" తహశీల్దార్లుగా నియమించుటకు అర్హతలు కలిగినవారు పశ్చిమ గోదావరి జిల్లాలో ఉన్నప్పటికి ఇతర జిల్లాల నుంచి ఉద్యోగులను తీసుకొని వచ్చుటకు కారణం ఏమిటో మంత్రిగారు శలవిస్తారా? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Notice."

Representation by the Krishna Motor Workers' Union.

* 184 Q.—SRI CHANDRA RAMALINGAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether a representation was made by the Krishna Motor Workers' Union about the violation of section 65 of Motor Vehicles Act by the bus owners operating on Masulipatnam-Nagayalanka route; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) The Regional Transport Officer, Vijayavada, conducted enquiries in the matter and found that there was no violation of section 65 of the Motor Vehicles Act."

SRI CHANDRA RAMALINGAIAH :—" ఈ నాడుకూడా బస్ కార్మికులు రోజుకు పన్నెండు, పదమూడు గంటలు పనిచేయవలసి వస్తున్నదనే విషయం ప్రభుత్వంవారికి తెలుసా? బస్ ప్రయాణాలకు సంబంధించిన Time tables ను చూచినట్లయితే ఈ విషయం బోధపడుతుంది కనుక మన మంత్రిగారు వాటిని పరిశీలిస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the actual working hour is calculated only as the time spent in the driving of the vehicle, and not the time taken to go to the vehicle or to go home."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, at the time of the inquiry, may I enquire whether the complainants were given a chance to prove their allegations? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This is not a charge. This is a memorandum stating that section 65 of the Motor Vehicles Act is violated. An inquiry is made by the Regional Transport Officer looking into the trip sheet of the drivers of the vehicles and into the number of the vehicles given. So, trip sheets are naturally looked into."